

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 10**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ARNIE MOHL**, on March 5, 1999 at 4:15 P.M., in Room 108 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Senator Arnie Mohl  
Senator Greg Jergeson  
Representative Marion Hanson  
Representative Donald Hedges  
Representative Gary Beck

**Members Excused:**

Senator Mack Cole

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Phoebe Olson, secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Consideration of Committee amendments (other House) to SB 10.

**SENATOR MOHL**, said the problem they had when it came back to the Senate was they didn't understand what the amendments were trying to do. He asked if someone could explain it.

**REPRESENTATIVE HEDGES**, said he thought the intent of the amendment was that you could be more than 100 miles from your home with your equipment without needing a permit and a flag car.

**SENATOR MOHL**, said if you were under 12½ feet you did not need a flag car. He remarked that he had spoken with Dave Galt and he didn't know why the amendment was needed.

**REPRESENTATIVE HANSON**, was concerned because her two ranches were more than 100 miles apart.

**REPRESENTATIVE HEDGES**, maintained everything would stay the same except for the restriction about being 100 miles from home.

**SENATOR MOHL**, said that Dave Galt was concerned that farmers would move other peoples equipment all over the state.

**SENATOR JERGESON**, asked why anyone would want to move a tractor more than 100 miles without having a flag car.

**SENATOR MOHL**, said the idea of this bill was to have flag people for anything over 12½ feet for safety reasons.

**REPRESENTATIVE HEDGES**, said as long as the restriction was 100 miles from land that they farmed he didn't see where a rancher in Montana would be in trouble.

**REPRESENTATIVE BECK**, agreed.

**SENATOR JERGESON**, said the first amendment dealt with implements of husbandry and vehicles on the highway, the second dealt with dual wheel tractors on county roads, and the third amendment struck out the 100 miles for commercial hay grinders on the highway.

**SENATOR MOHL**, said Dave Galt was really worried about the hay grinders. He expressed that he was a firm believer in flag cars, because of safety.

**REPRESENTATIVE HEDGES**, said they could live without the amendment.

**REPRESENTATIVE BECK**, agreed.

**SENATOR JERGESON**, said when the bill was considered it referred to having a flag man behind equipment on the interstate, which made sense because that was were the traffic was. He maintained that was really the single purpose of the bill.

**SENATOR MOHL**, said theoretically the only thing this bill did was add the interstate. Everything else was already in law.

**SENATOR JERGESON**, moved **that the House amendments be rejected.**  
**Motion carried 5 to 0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

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SENATOR ARNIE MOHL, Chairman

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PHOEBE OSLON, Secretary

**EXHIBIT** (ccs50sb0010aad)